

**What is claimed is:**

1. A heater blower housing that is attachable to a separate heater,  
the heater blower housing comprising:

a fan compartment in the heater blower housing;

5 a fan in the fan compartment;

a motor operatively connected to the fan for rotation of the fan in  
the fan compartment by the motor;

an exhaust compartment in the heater blower housing, the  
exhaust compartment communicating with the fan compartment and being

10 positioned to receive exhaust gases from a separate heater and to direct the  
exhaust gases to the fan compartment, and at least a portion of the exhaust  
compartment having a layered wall with at least an interior layer inside the  
exhaust compartment and an exterior layer defining an exterior surface of the  
blower housing, the interior layer and the exterior layer being separate layers  
15 of the layered wall.

2. The heater blower housing of Claim 1, further comprising:

an exhaust compartment opening in the heater blower housing  
communicating an exterior environment of the heater blower housing with the  
20 exhaust compartment, the exhaust compartment opening being positioned on  
the heater blower housing to receive exhaust gases from a separate heater to  
which the heater blower housing is attached; and,

the layered wall being positioned on an opposite side of the  
exhaust compartment from the exhaust compartment opening.

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3. The heater blower housing of Claim 1, further comprising:  
the interior layer of the layered wall being spaced from the  
exterior layer of the layered wall.

5 4. The heater blower housing of Claim 3, further comprising:  
a hollow void between the interior layer of the layered wall and  
the exterior layer of the layered wall.

5. The heater blower housing of Claim 1, further comprising:  
10 an exhaust compartment opening in the heater blower housing  
communicating with the exhaust compartment, the exhaust compartment  
opening being positioned on the heater blower housing to receive exhaust  
gases from a separate heater to which the heater blower housing is attached;  
a fan compartment opening in the heater blower housing  
15 communicating the fan compartment with the exhaust compartment; and,  
the layered wall extending from adjacent the exhaust  
compartment opening to adjacent the fan compartment opening to direct  
exhaust gases from the exhaust compartment opening to the fan  
compartment opening.

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6. The heater blower housing of Claim 5, further comprising:  
the interior layer of the layered wall having a curved length as  
the layered wall extends from adjacent the exhaust compartment opening to  
adjacent the fan compartment opening.

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7. The heater blower housing of Claim 6, further comprising:  
the curved length of the interior layer having a concave cross  
section.

5 8. A heater blower housing that is attachable to a separate heater,  
the heater blower housing comprising:

a fan compartment in the heater blower housing;

a fan in the fan compartment;

10 a motor operatively connected to the fan for rotation of the fan in  
the fan compartment by the motor;

an exhaust compartment in the heater blower housing, the  
exhaust compartment communicating with the fan compartment and having at  
least a portion of a wall positioned to receive exhaust gases from a separate  
heater to which the heater blower housing is attached to direct the exhaust  
15 gases to the fan compartment; and,

a heat shield attached to the portion of the wall inside the  
exhaust compartment.

9. The heater blower housing of Claim 8, further comprising:  
20 an exhaust compartment opening in the heater blower housing  
communicating an exterior environment of the heater blower housing with the  
exhaust compartment, the exhaust compartment opening being positioned on  
the heating blower housing to receive exhaust gases from a separate heater  
to which the heater blower housing is attached; and,

the heat shield being positioned between the portion of the wall of the exhaust compartment and the exhaust compartment opening.

10. The heater blower housing of Claim 8, further comprising:
- 5 an exhaust compartment opening in the heater blower housing communicating an exterior environment of the heater blower housing with the exhaust compartment, the exhaust compartment opening being positioned on the heater blower housing to receive exhaust gases from a separate heater to which the heater blower housing is attached; and,
- 10 the heat shield being positioned inside the exhaust compartment opposite the exhaust compartment opening.

11. The heater blower housing of Claim 8, further comprising:
- the heat shield being spaced from the portion of the wall.

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12. The heater blower housing of Claim 11, further comprising:
- a hollow void between the heat shield and the portion of the wall.

- 20 13. The heater blower housing of Claim 8, further comprising:
- an exhaust compartment opening in the heater blower housing communicating an exterior environment of the heater blower housing with the exhaust compartment, the exhaust compartment opening being positioned on the heater blower housing to receive exhaust gases from a separate heater to
- 25 which the heater blower housing is attached;

a fan compartment opening in the heater blower housing communicating the fan compartment with the exhaust compartment; and,  
the heat shield extending from adjacent the exhaust compartment opening at one end of the heat shield to adjacent the fan compartment opening at an opposite end of the heat shield to direct exhaust gases from the exhaust compartment opening to the fan compartment opening.

14. The heater blower housing of Claim 13, further comprising:  
the heat shield having a curved length as the heat shield extends from the one end of the heat shield to the opposite end of the heat shield.

15. The heater blower housing of Claim 14, further comprising:  
the curved length of the heat shield having a concave cross section.

16. A heater blower housing comprising:  
a fan compartment in the heater blower housing;  
a fan in the fan compartment;  
a motor compartment in the heater blower housing, the motor compartment having an inlet vent opening;  
a motor in the motor compartment, the motor being operatively connected to the fan for rotation of the fan in the fan compartment of the motor;

a guard mounted over the inlet vent opening, the guard having a configuration that allows ambient air to pass through the guard and then through the inlet vent opening into the motor compartment while preventing objects from being inserted through the inlet vent opening into the motor  
5 compartment.

17. The heater blower housing of Claim 16, further comprising:  
an inlet vent collar on the heater blower housing, the inlet vent collar extending around the inlet vent opening; and,  
10 the guard being removably attachable to the inlet vent collar.

18. The heater blower housing of Claim 16, further comprising:  
the inlet vent opening is positioned in a first plane; and,  
the guard having an opening positioned in a second plane that is  
15 oriented at an angle relative to the first plane.

19. The heater blower housing of Claim 16, further comprising:  
the guard configuration defines a nonlinear flow path for ambient air to travel through the guard to the inlet vent opening.

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20. The heater blower housing of Claim 16, further comprising:  
the guard has a side wall that covers over the inlet vent opening and muffles noise of the motor operation in the motor compartment.